

# Maynard Citizens Corps/Medical Reserve Corps Newsletter

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# Upcoming event Relay of Life

We want to thank everyone who has signed up to help MRC/MCC in the first aid tent on June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. If you were not able to volunteer but are at the Relay please stop by to say "Hi" and see what we have to offer as far as first aid.

#### Current Board Members:

Kevin Sweet; Maynard's Health Officer, Mary Hilli; Chairperson Kathy McMillian Lucille Stonis Deb Roussell Rose Bathalon John Food Derek Michaels Maura Flynn

#### Questions?

Please contact us at: 978-897-1302 Or mrc@townofmaynard.net



The MCC/MRC Executive Committee is excited to announce we will be transitioning to the new "MA Responds" database system. MA Responds is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is a partnership that integrates local, regional, and statewide volunteer resources to identify, credential, train, and mobilize volunteers during a health-related emergency or event. Maynard will be one of the early communities in the state utilizing this new system, which will provide significant improvements with overall management of volunteers. Kevin Sweet and Stephanie Duggan from the Board of Health will be the unit administrators and will have system access. All volunteer information and deployment activation will remain under the control of the MCC/MRC. We are currently in the process of uploading data from our existing database into MA Responds and hope to be live mid-summer. In the near future we will be providing detailed information to all volunteers about the transition and what steps need to be taken. Again, we are excited about this innovative system and look forward to improving our operations.

## Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region 4A

The town of Maynard is in Region 4A thus Maynard's MRC/MCC volunteers were invited to attend Region 4A first annual conference on May14th. The conference which was hosted by MA Fire Fighters Academy in Stow was a great opportunity to learn more about our volunteer role for the corps and to network with other volunteers in Region 4A. At the conference Maynard Board of Health was presented with the "Outstanding Board of Health of the Year" award. Kevin Sweet received the award for his amazing job supporting for Maynard MRC/MCC and the Region 4A MRC. If you were not able to attend this year hopefully next year you will be able to work it in your schedule.

## Welcome to Our New Board Member Maura Flynn

Maura has been an MCC/MRC volunteer for several years. She has actively participated in several events including most of the flu clinics. We want to welcome her aboard and thank her for committing to be a board member.